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SUBJ: BERLIN COMMENTARY ON JULY 24 ALLIED STATEMENT ON TRANSIT/FEA

1. MAJOR BERLIN PAPERS PROMINENTLY FRONTPAGED, JULY 25, ALLIED STATEMENT OF PREVIOUS DAY REPLYING TO SOVIET/GDR THREATS TO BAR EMPLOYEES AND PROPERTY OF FEA FROM TRANSIT ROUTES. STATEMENT WAS EITHER CARRIED IN FULL OR EXTENSIVELY EXCERPTED. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT TO DATE, IN JULY 25 BERLINER MORGENPOST, FAVORABLY CONTRASTS FIRMNESS OF ALLIED POSITION WITH VACILLATION AND CAUTION IN BONN AND SPD CIRCLES-- WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO BERLIN BUNDESTAG DEPUTY KURT MATTICK'S RECENT CRITICISM OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "UNSEEMLY HASTE" IN PUSHING FEA LEGISLATION THROUGH.

2. IN BONN-DATELINED REPORT, CDU SPOKESMAN WELCOMED ALLIED STATEMENT AND TERMED IT "A CLEAR WORD AT THE RIGHT TIME." SPOKESMAN MADE INVIDIOUS COMPARISON WITH "TWILIGHT" POSITION OF SPD PARTY ORGAN VORWERTS, WHICH RECENTLY CHARACTERIZED ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA AS "POLITICALLY UNWISE."

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3. FURTHER TO FEA QUESTION, FDP FRAKTION CHAIRMAN OXFORT

DECLARED JULY 25 THAT IT WAS TIME TO PUT END TO DISCUSSION
OVER AGENCY'S ESTABLISHMENT. IN MUCH SAME VEIN, FDP CHAIRMAN
LUEDER REJECTED CDU FRAKTION CHAIRMAN LUMMER'S CALL FOR
FOUR-POWER CONSULTATIONS ON QA, ASSERTING THAT QA WAS
UNEQUIVOCAL ON SUBJECT OF FEDERAL PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN,
AND THAT TRIPARTITE STATEMENT OF JULY 24 HAD CONFIRMED
THIS WITH RESPECT TO FEA. KLEIN

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